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find that they have a splendid foundation for a knowledge of the important subjects treated in the cases reported in this volume. We old fogies—and the Editor-in-Chief confesses to be one—who never believed in case law, feel our feet constantly slipping under our feet as we find what valuable aids to general principles these books afford.

The Holy Alliance.—The European Background of the Monroe Doctrine. By, W. P. Cresson, Ph.D. Formerly Secretary of the American Embassy in Petrograd. New York. Oxford University Press. American Branch 35 West 32nd Street. London, Toronto, Melbourne and Bombay. 1922. Price \$1.50.

The volumes issued under the auspices of the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace are of a value hard to be over-estimated, bringing within the reach of those who could not otherwise get the information treaties, judicial settlements of controversies between the states and other subjects too numerous to be mentioned; but probably no volume of the series, unless we except the admirable publication of Madison's Debates, will be read with more interest than this little volume upon the Holy Alliance. Some of us know something about the Holy Alliance, but to the greater part of us it is nothing more than a name. The value of this work is quite out of proportion to its size. It makes clear the aim and purpose of the Czar Alexander in forcing the Holy Alliance upon his unwilling compatriots, and shows the relation of the Monroe Doctrine to the Holy Alliance, and it enables the reader of the old as well as the new world to understand both. Most of us will be surprised to know that at the end of the greatest of wars attempts have been made to devise some scheme whereby a recourse to arms might be less likely to occur, if it could not be wholly avoided; and to those who peruse this volume the action of the United States in declining to be brought into the League of Nations will be shown to be a most stupendous blunder. The book can be read in a couple of hours, but is worth more hours of careful thought than will be taken to read it.